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Illinois takes big step toward allowing same-sex unions
after House approves bill in emotional debate **page 9**

best bets

By Jessica Gallart
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Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.

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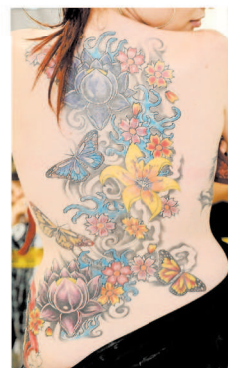
Over on our Facebook page, we like to do this little thing called the Facebook Random Question of the Day. And it's exactly that: random. Tuesday's question was: What's one gift you really want this holiday season? Check out some of the responses we received. Want to be part of our social media revolution and see your thoughts here next time? Like us at facebook.com/theredeye. COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG



Alicia Kan: Tickets to Spider-Man the musical.
Jimmy Taylor: A new, shiny MacBook Pro
Rudy Segovia: an invite to Prince William & Kate's wedding
Chevette Valentine: A Range Rover



Pamela Patinkin: 5-inch black patent leather stiletto Christian Louboutin over the knee boots.
Michael Andrews: World Peace. Wishful thinking at its finest.



Lino Benitez: Ipad!
Liza Hickey: Money for a new tattoo!
Colleen Condon: snow on my b-day, December 24th....
Krissy Wolf: someone to pay my loans!



Edgar Garcia: I don't want to be too greedy this year so I'll settle for a Apple iPad and a Sony 3D TV. Not the 40 inch one but the 55 inch one. If not that then just health and prosperity to my family :)



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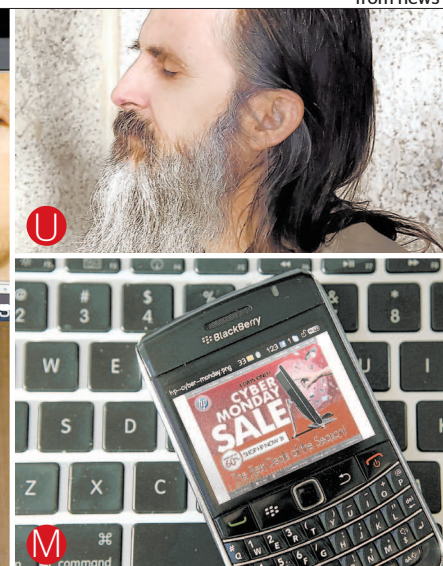
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NEWS A TO Z

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN THE WORLD. HERE'S A TASTE, FROM A TO Z.

A

Almost: The U.S. has come close to taking out al-Qaida's No. 2, **Ayman al-Zawahiri**, on more occasions than previously thought, officials said Tuesday.

B

Big bill: New Jersey owes the federal government more than \$271 million for canceling a rail tunnel between New Jersey and New York, WABC reports.

C

Children hidden: Authorities in York County, Pa., found five children in a condemned house without heat, running water or anything that could reveal their identities.

D

Duck!: Quick burger, a French fast-food chain, said it will offer foie gras burgers at bargain prices to celebrate the holiday season.

E

Egypt criticized: The U.S. on Tuesday criticized recent Egyptian elections over "worrying" problems with restrictions on poll monitors and freedom of speech.

F

Female police chief killed: Hermila Garcia, 38, became the top cop in Meoqui, Mexico, just two months ago.

G

Goats rescued: Two goats backed up traffic on Interstate 205 Sunday in Portland, Ore. They're fine. The owners still are being sought.

H

Hostages: 15-year-old Samuel Hengel, accused of holding 23 classmates and a teacher hostage Monday at a school in Marinette, Wis., died Tuesday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, officials said.

I

Iran trying again: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Tuesday that Iran has agreed to another round of nuclear talks.

J

Japan quake: Buildings shook Tuesday in Tokyo after a 6.9-magnitude earthquake centered off the coast and below the seabed hit. No injuries were reported.

K

Korea crisis: Officials from the U.S., Japan and South Korea said Tuesday that they will meet next month to discuss the Korea crisis.

L

Lead poisoning: 30,000 people reportedly have been poisoned in northern Nigeria since March in the world's worst recorded outbreak of lead poisoning.

M

Monday bump: Online sales on Cyber Monday surged nearly 20 percent from last year, according to findings released Tuesday.

N

New life: A new poll finds nearly half of people in Britain (44 percent) believe in aliens.

O

Onslaught: Emergency crews were dispatched to central Mississippi on Tuesday after an onslaught of severe weather raked the area Monday.

P

Protests continue: Students in the U.K. braved the wintry weather again Tuesday to protest planned hikes in university tuition.

Q

Quote: "He kept them with love." Evelyn Rees, lawyer for 71-year-old Pierre Le Guennec, who is accused of stealing 271 previously unknown works by Pablo Picasso. Le Guennec worked for Picasso for three years.

R

Russia warning: Russian President Dmitry Medvedev warned of a new arms race in the next decade unless a missile defense system was agreed upon.

S

Sirius about the NFL: Sirius XM Radio will continue to broadcast NFL games through 2016, the company said Tuesday.

T

Toddler dies: A 2-year-old girl died Tuesday after being thrown from a balcony at a Virginia shopping mall. Her grandmother faces charges.

U

Utah must wait: The trial of Brian David Mitchell, charged in the 2002 kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart, was halted Tuesday after Mitchell suffered a medical problem in court.

V

Violence explodes: A series of attacks in 24 hours has killed five civilians and injured dozens more in Iraq, police said Tuesday.

W

Wiki offer: Ecuador on Tuesday offered WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange a chance to live and lecture in the country. Assange's whereabouts are not currently known.

X

X-rays up: Use of CT scans in emergency rooms has risen 16 percent since 1995, according to a study in the journal Radiology.

Y

Yemen deaths: Al-Qaida claimed responsibility for a car bombing that killed at least 23 people last week in Northern Yemen.

Z

Zero fat: Despite previous thinking to the contrary, a new study finds that belly fat may actually contribute to brittle bones.

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Not even pervs want a TSA job

Airports are weird. They are places of transit—like a train station or purgatory. You're simply waiting to get to the next destination. Ideally, somewhere better. Somewhere McDonald's can't charge \$5 for a Diet Coke or where my Chinese food is not suspected of terrorism.

Needless to say, airports are not places I make a habit of being. So imagine my surprise this Thanksgiving break, on my return flight from New England, to find a new toy at the usually banal security checkpoint: Advanced Imaging Technology, or whole-body scanners that take photos of you in your birthday suit.

The Internet and the Twitterverse have been in their usual states of uproar, carping on this latest invasion of privacy. I couldn't wait to see firsthand what all the fuss was about.

Turns out I had inadvertently prepared with a bikini wax the week prior. I still looked like crap though. It was 5 a.m., an hour typically reserved for my deepest stage of REM, not a striptease.

Still, I spritzed some of my travel-size perfume, put on some lip gloss and walked nervously toward the hobbit-size TSA officer who beckoned, "NEXT!"

The officer grumbled that I should raise my hands above my head. I asked her if I should smile. She didn't answer. I looked straight ahead and grinned. I was going to wave, eager to try some other poses, but the officer waved me out of the machine. My 15 minutes of fame had shrunk to less than 15 seconds.

While waiting to be notified if there were illegal fluids or substances on my person, I began thinking about what had just transpired. It hit me. Somebody—potentially a disgusting sex pervert—had just seen my naked body!

Before I could freak out, the officer interrupted my thoughts: "CLEAR!" Someone or something in her tiny ear apparently had deemed my naked body safe for travel.

I was excused and proceeded to forget all about my privacy breach. Until, that is, I saw the interminable line of people waiting for their turn to play candid camera. The pre-dawn crowd (myself included) at the airport never is filled with too many Playboy bunny or Don Draper types. You know, people we actually want to see naked.

We all look miserable, angry and, let's face it, unattractive. Even Jessica Alba must look less than satisfactory in the morning—which is why I got to thinking that maybe the ones being violated actually are the mystery people looking at our photos. Imagine being locked in a room for eight hours a day, staring at the nude, coagulated and unkempt bodies of old, fat, hairy people. Is this really a dream job for anyone—even the most twisted sex offender?

Probably not. So, to those of you still on the crusade to bring down the TSA's latest security measure, here's a new way to fight: Make yourself as unattractive as possible, then book your next flight.

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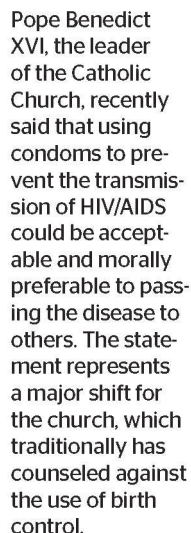
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HIV, which stands for human immunodeficiency virus, and AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is transmitted through bodily fluids including blood, semen and breast milk. Scientists first discovered the virus that causes AIDS in 1983, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

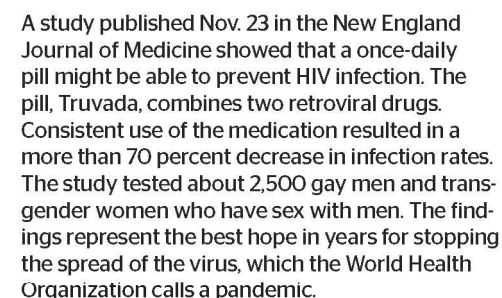
A man's blood sample, taken in 1959 in Congo, is the earliest known HIV infection, according to the CDC.

A large red AIDS awareness ribbon is centered on the page. Below the ribbon, the word "AIDS" is written in a large, red, sans-serif font. Underneath "AIDS", the words "AWARENESS CHECK" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

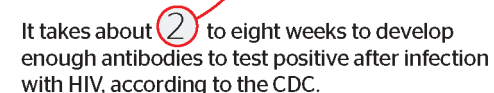
AIDS
AWARENESS CHECK

On Wednesday, activists around the globe commemorate World AIDS Day, which the World Health Organization created in 1988. The World AIDS Campaign organizes the international observance, which draws attention to the disease's continued toll and honors those affected by HIV/AIDS.

A CDC study released in September tested men who have sex with men and found that more than half of those infected in Chicago did not know they had HIV. In the national study, younger men—those 18 to 29 years old—and minority men were found to be more likely to not know they had the disease. Here are more recent headlines, events and statistics related to HIV/AIDS.



About 1.2 million people in the U.S. have HIV, according to UNAIDS. 54,000 new adults and children were infected with the disease in 2009, a UNAIDS report showed; there were 17,000 AIDS-related deaths last year.



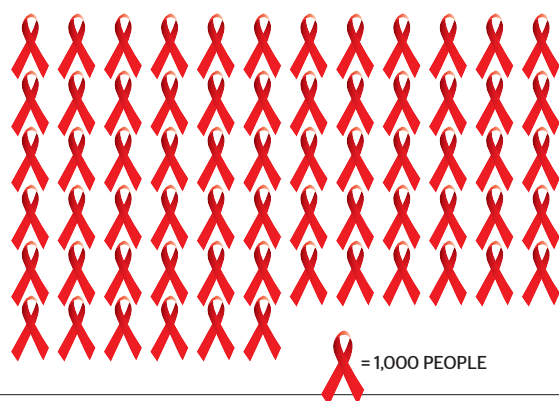
Although all unprotected sex carries danger of HIV transmission, unprotected anal sex is riskier than unprotected vaginal or oral sex, according to the CDC.

Though World AIDS Day comes once a year, the city offers plenty of year-round resources for those who'd like to get tested for HIV or for those who are already affected by the disease. The following are some of the locations and organizations available to Chicagoans. **REDEYE**

Research has shown that HIV/AIDS disproportionately affects the African-American community in the U.S., according to the CDC; the group accounts for half of new infections. African-Americans also are more likely to die from HIV/AIDS, according to the City of Chicago's Department of Public Health.

15x

The CDC reports that, in 2006, the rate of new HIV infections for African-American women was 15 times higher than the rate for white women and four times higher than the rate for Latinas.



In 2006, President Obama, then a senator, took a public

HIV test
in Kenya

to try to help battle stigma around testing. About 6 percent of the Kenyan population is HIV-positive, according to USAID.



2013

The New York Times reported in early November on a South African study that found a vaginal microbicide gel could reduce HIV infection rates by up to 40 percent in women. The gel contains retroviral medication that HIV/AIDS patients take and could be on the market by 2013, according to the story.

IN CHICAGO

The theme for World AIDS Day in Chicago is "Get Real, Get Care." Local events include a prayer service at St. Joseph's Parish at 1107 N. Orleans. (Call 312-787-7174 for information.)

» The Chicago School of Professional Psychology and Test Positive Aware Network will hold a panel discussion and candlelight vigil starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Chicago School, 325 N. Wells St.

» There's a CDC hot line for those with questions about HIV/AIDS. The national number is 800-232-5636 and the Illinois hot line is 800-243-2437.

» The Howard Brown Health Center's walk-in clinic at 4025 N. Sheridan Road tests for HIV/AIDS at no charge. Call 773-388-1600 or visit **howardbrown.org** for details on times.

» The AIDS Foundation of Chicago offers help finding a case manager and getting in touch with agencies that help with health care and legal services. aidschicago.org/care/case_manager/find.php

» People between the ages of 12 and 24 can get tested for HIV/AIDS for free at the Broadway Youth Center, 3179 N. Broadway St., from 1-8 p.m. weekdays. Call 773-935-3151 for information.

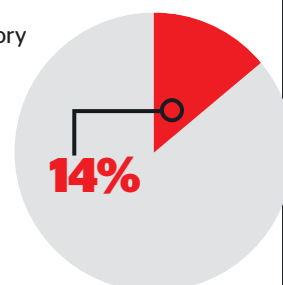
» Project VIDA offers HIV/AIDS resources and testing targeted to racial and ethnic minorities. No appointment is required for HIV testing services from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays. Free rapid testing is done from 3-5:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Call the main office for information at 773-522-4570.



22.5 million

About 22.5 million of the affected live in Sub-Saharan Africa. That same report showed 1.8 million deaths from AIDS in 2009, 1.3 million coming in Sub-Saharan Africa.

A recent Bloomberg story reported the U.S. ambassador to **Zambia** pledged \$276 million to the African nation to fight the AIDS epidemic. Roughly 14 percent of those ages 15 to 49 have the disease there.



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STATE HOUSE PASSES SAME-SEX CIVIL UNIONS LEGISLATION

Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD Illinois took a major step Tuesday night toward allowing civil unions for same-sex couples.

As onlookers broke out into cheers, the House for the first time approved civil unions, with one vote to spare. Supporters expect the Senate to follow suit Wednesday, and Democratic Gov. Quinn campaigned this fall on a pledge to sign it into law.

"We have a chance here, as leaders have had in previous generations, to correct injustice and to move us down the path toward liberty," said sponsoring Rep. Greg Harris (D-Chicago) one of two openly gay lawmakers, his voice breaking with emotion. "It's a matter of fairness, it's a matter of respect, it's a matter of equality."

Opponents charged that civil unions are a "slippery slope" that will erode traditional family values.

"Are you ready for gay marriage?" asked Rep. David Reis (R-Willow Hill), who raised his voice putting that question to colleagues.

Under the proposal, same-sex couples would enjoy several rights married couples currently have, such as making end-of-life decisions,



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WHO SUPPORTS CIVIL UNIONS?

ILLINOIS

57 PERCENT

That's the percentage of Illinois voters who support civil unions, according to a Tribune/WGN poll conducted in September. Forty-one percent support gay marriage.

NATIONAL

57 PERCENT

That's the percentage of American voters who support civil unions, according to a recent Pew Research poll. Thirty-nine percent support gay marriage.

handling probate matters, sharing nursing home rooms or even visiting partners in hospitals that deny visits by anyone but family.

If approved, Illinois next summer would join New Jersey in having a civil union law on the books. Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Iowa and Washing-

ton, D.C., have same-sex marriage laws, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Though unusually quiet during debate, the House chamber echoed at times with vocal dissent.

Rep. Ron Stephens (R-Troy) said he wants

to avoid having to "someday explain to my children and grandchildren that no longer in America are we going to give the honor to a man and a woman in marriage.

"I believe that if this should ever pass, the next bill will be legalizing marriage between members of the same sex. And I just think that's wrong. You might think I'm wrong in thinking that ... just call me an old-fashioned traditionalist."

Robert F. Gilligan, the Catholic Conference of Illinois' executive director, said he is disappointed that civil unions passed, but now is focused on lobbying senators to vote it down Wednesday. Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago) is an avid supporter of the bill, and supporters have considered the House a tougher obstacle.

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—Bill sponsor Rep. Greg Harris (D-Chicago)

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Sources: Google to buy Groupon

Bloomberg

Google is close to an agreement to acquire Chicago-based daily coupon company Groupon for about \$6 billion, according to two people with knowledge of the negotiations.

The deal may be clinched as early as this week, said the people, who declined to be identified because the talks haven't been made public. The purchase price would include payments to Groupon executives if the acquisition meets certain performance targets, one of the people said.

Google would use the purchase to benefit from surging demand for coupons, sent via the Web, that offer discounts on everything from dinner cruises to dental exams.

A final agreement hasn't been reached and talks could still break down, one of the people said. Aaron Zamost, a spokesman for Google, declined to comment. Julie Mossler, a spokeswoman for Groupon, didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Groupon, founded two years ago, sends daily messages to users in 300 markets, offering discounts on products and services. Groupon keeps a 50 percent cut of every deal sold, while businesses benefit from a rise in new customers. Deals, known as groupings, activate when a certain number are sold, encouraging users to recommend offers to friends.

Since May, Groupon has doubled the number of markets it serves. Sales may top \$500 million this year, two people familiar with the matter have said. Groupon would reach that milestone faster than Google and amazon.com did.



Sharon Ramey (from left), mother of Stacy Cochran-Hill; Ramey's sister, Estelle Baker; and their father, Bobbie Ramey, grieve at their home Tuesday after learning that Cochran-Hill and her daughters were found stabbed to death in their apartment late Monday in Morgan Park. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE



Stacy Cochran-Hill



Jade Hannah



Joi Cochran

FAMILY SLAIN

Chicago Tribune

Jade Hannah loved to dance and was so loud, you always knew if she was around.

Her younger sister, Joi Cochran, was quieter, a girlish princess who loved to dress up and have her hair done.

Their mother, Stacy Cochran-Hill, was a fun-loving woman who would "roller-skate her butt off."

All three were found stabbed to death late Monday in their Morgan Park apartment on the South Side.

"That's it, my babies are gone," Sharon Ramey, Cochran-Hill's mother and the girl's grandmother, said a few hours after learning of their violent deaths. "Right now I'm just in limbo."

Family and friends who gathered at Ramey's Roseland home Tuesday were baffled and saddened by the loss of Cochran-Hill, 43, Jade, 17, and Joi, 11. Photos of all three victims—smiling at the camera—lined the wood-paneled walls.

Police were questioning a "person of interest" in the slayings, sources said. Police told Ramey it did not appear anyone broke into the home.

Officers were called to the large courtyard building in the 11100 block of South Bell Avenue about 10:30 p.m. Monday and found the three repeatedly stabbed, police said. They all were pronounced dead at the scene.

Henry Hill, Cochran-Hill's estranged

husband and Joi's father, grew misty-eyed when he spoke of his wife of 11 years and both girls. The couple had separated about a year ago.

"If I would have been there, it couldn't have happened," he said. "The only thing I can do [now] is celebrate the life that she lived. That's all I can do."

"We were trying to find our way back to each other," he added.

He said he was supposed to take Joi shopping Tuesday for shoes at the mall in Chicago Ridge. He didn't know what kind of shoes she'd pick out, but they would definitely be "all girly."

"Joi loved to shop," Hill said. "She was a little lady."

No snow has fallen yet, but Chicago's getting ready

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley might not be running for reelection, but he says that'll have no bearing on how his administration prepares for snow removal this winter.

The city will continue with efforts to hold down the overtime paid to snow plow drivers, and to use sensors on trucks and red light cameras to better control how much salt trucks are dumping on the streets during snowfalls, Daley

told reporters Tuesday at his annual news conference to mark the beginning of city over-night winter parking restrictions.

"One time, they used to dump salt on the street, as much as they wanted," Daley said at the city's 911 center. "Now, we have a system to find out how much salt they're putting down."

Streets and Sanitation Commissioner Thomas Byrne said long-range forecasts call

for above-normal winter temperatures in the area, leading to "heavy and wet snow" in Chicago.

There are 40 new snow plows in the city's fleet this year, Byrne said. The new trucks, with automatic transmissions, replace older trucks with manual transmissions, allowing drivers to better concentrate on the road while driving in treacherous conditions, he said.

As of 3 a.m. Wednesday, winter parking restrictions take effect on Chicago streets the city has identified as critical arteries. Cars parked on these streets between 3 and 7 a.m. until April 1 can be ticketed and towed.

Snow is always a big topic in Chicago and holds a well-known place in the city's political history. Michael Bilandic, who succeeded Richard J. Daley as mayor, lost an election in 1979 after botching a big snowfall.

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Ask a relationship expert

By **Leonor Vivanco** | REDEYE

Depressed after a horrible breakup? Recently had a bad first date? Thinking about moving in together?

Chicago Tribune columnist Amy Dickinson, author of the nationally syndicated column "Ask Amy," has answered questions and offered advice on just about every relationship issue.

She'll be in town Wednesday to talk directly to Chicagoans about their dating drama at the "Ask Amy Live: Relationships 101" event along with panelists Tamara Goldman, a clinical psychology professor at Illinois Institute of Technology and John St. Augustine, author of "Living an Uncommon Life."

The event will be held at 6 p.m. at the Chase Auditorium, 10 S. Dearborn St. Tickets are \$20 at the door (cash only) and will include a wine and food reception afterward. Call 312-222-3348 for more info.

In a warm-up round, RedEye asked Amy about some of the most common dating dilemmas. LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM

What are some of the craziest relationship questions you've been asked?

I realize now that all of my questions are really relationship questions—whether the question is about an obnoxious boss or a sibling. I guess the wackiest ones are those that involve threesomes: i.e. "My husband wants to bring his mistress home so we can all live as one big happy family. But I don't know, Amy—something about that doesn't feel right. Even though I don't really want to do it, do you think I should say yes to this in order to keep him happy? Other than this one thing, he's a great guy ..."

Now that we're heading into winter, do Chicagoans miss out on building meaningful relationships during this season because people usually don't want to go out?

I think Chicago is unique in that people actually don't seem deterred too much by the weather. In the winter, there's a different sort of fun to be had in Chicago—winter is when the bars get really cozy and winter is when everyone starts looking pretty sexy in a turtleneck and duck boots. I absolutely love the energy of Chicago in the wintertime. Everything is just a little bit muffled.

What are the ingredients to a perfect first date?

Connection, conversation, flirting and expectation.

What are the signs that the person you're interested in is only interested in a hookup, not a relationship?

Someone wanting to hook up isn't usually

Tribune columnist
Amy Dickinson



willing to wait. People wanting hookups don't necessarily want to bother getting to know someone very well. Someone wanting a hookup isn't going to spend a lot of time—or money—going out. They're not going to want to meet—or even talk about—your other friends. And sometimes, you only realize that the other person wanted a hookup the morning after, when you hear the patter of little footsteps, stealthily headed out the door.

What are your thoughts on pre-holiday dating?

The holidays are a great time to start a relationship because the holidays are an antic, fun and romantic time of year. Gift-giving can be a minefield and many a good person has blown a new relationship by giving too much—or too little. If you are in a relationship, you really do need to give something ... That's why something simple, inexpensive and personal is a good bet. I'm talking about a plate of cookies and a book, a scarf or a mixtape.

Lawyers: Release cabbie terror suspect

Attorneys for a Chicago cab-driver accused of sending money to Pakistani terrorists want him temporarily released so he can aid in his defense. Technical problems and delays caused by Raja Khan being held in a part of the prison away from other inmates is holding up the defense team's analysis of evidence turned over by the government, attorney Thomas Anthony Durkin argued Tuesday to U.S. District Judge James Zagel.

Stroger spent \$79K on party for flood victims

Cook County Board President Todd Stroger's administration treated families whose homes were damaged by floods to a nearly \$79,000 party at Brookfield Zoo, paying for the day of fun with federal grant money meant to restore those homes, newly released county documents show.

Judge denies bail in officer's slaying

Timothy Herring Jr., who is charged with the murders of Chicago Police Officer Michael Flisk and former Chicago Housing Authority officer Stephen Peters, was ordered held without bail Tuesday by Judge Ramon Ocasio III.

Some Cabrini-Green residents refuse to leave high-rise

The Chicago Housing Authority tried Tuesday to move the last residents out of the last occupied high-rise at the Cabrini-Green public housing complex, but some families balked at leaving, officials from the CHA and an advocacy group said.

Sandi Jackson won't run for city clerk

Sandi Jackson will run for reelection as a Chicago alderman in the South Side's 7th Ward instead of making a bid for city clerk. A Jackson representative filed paperwork to pull out of the clerk's race Tuesday, according to the Chicago Board of Elections.

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Right or left?

1 Whoops! Vice President Joe Biden mistakenly instructed Mark Kirk, the new senator from Illinois, to place his right hand on the Bible during Monday's swearing-in ceremony. According to tradition, senators-elect should raise their right hands. No do-over is planned, according to a Biden spokeswoman.

Starbucks sets recycle goal

2 Starbucks might soon serve your morning pastry with napkins recycled from used cups and other paper waste, as the coffee chain aims to ensure that 100 percent of its cups are reusable or recyclable by 2015.

N. Korea makes nuke claim

3 North Korea claimed Tuesday that it has "thousands of centrifuges" working to create nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. The claim printed in North Korea's state-run KCNA news service comes just a week after North Korea shelled a South Korean island, killing four people.

WikiLeaks targets bank

4 WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who has gained notoriety by publishing secret U.S. military and diplomatic documents, said in an interview this week that the next WikiLeaks target is a major U.S. bank.

Brazil plans slum occupation

5 The military operation to clear a Rio de Janeiro slum of drug traffickers will effectively turn into an occupation of the area at least through October, Gov. Sergio Cabral said in a radio interview Tuesday.

Father of missing boys arrested

6 Authorities in Morenci, Mich., arrested the father of three missing boys Tuesday, charging him with parental kidnapping, officials said. John Skelton was arrested immediately upon his release from a mental health facility where he was being treated after an attempted suicide.



Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates (from left) and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen answer questions during a Pentagon briefing Tuesday on findings of an official review of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. GETTY IMAGES

'DADT' repeal gets boost

7 **WASHINGTON** Allowing openly gay or lesbian troops serve in the military would have little lasting effect on the U.S. armed forces, according to a long-awaited Pentagon review of the controversial "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Repealing the policy would have "some limited and isolated disruption to unit cohesion and retention," the yearlong study found, but the effects would not be long-lasting or widespread.

"The general lesson we take from ... transformational experiences in history is that in matters of personnel change within the military, predictions and surveys tend to overestimate negative consequences, and underestimate the U.S. military's ability to adapt and incorporate within its ranks the diversity that is reflec-

THE OPPOSITION

There is strong minority opposition to a change, particularly in the Marines and some combat arms specialist units, according to the chairs of the study. As many as 40 percent to 60 percent of troops in those units were against changing the 17-year-old policy that lets gay and lesbian troops serve as long as their sexual orientation is secret. Overall opposition throughout the military was about 30 percent.

tive of American society at large," the report concluded.

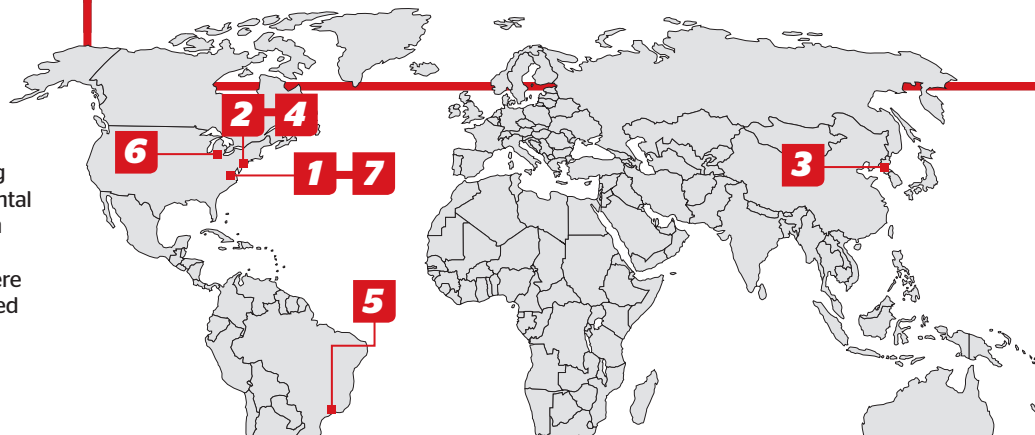
President Obama used the release of the report to urge the lame-duck Senate to follow the lead of the House of Representatives and pass a repeal of the Clinton-era law before the end of the year.

This report confirms that "by every measure—from unit cohesion to recruitment and retention to family readiness—we can transition to a new policy in a responsible manner that ensures our military

strength and national security," Obama said in a written statement.

More than nine out of 10 troops said their unit's ability to work with someone they thought was gay or lesbian was very good, good, or neither good nor bad.

One Special Forces operative—a part of the military with overall higher resistance to the change—said, "We have a gay guy [in the unit]. He's big, he's mean, and he kills lots of bad guys. No one cared that he was gay."



THE DATE

APRIL 11, 1954

That was the most boring date of the 20th century, Cambridge-trained computer scientist William Tunstall-Pedoe told NPR on Monday. Tunstall-Pedoe said he made the determination after an analysis of more than 300 million facts done by a search engine he invented.

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STINGING THE BLUES

Hawks punch, score their way to third straight win

Chicago Tribune

Before six minutes elapsed at the United Center on Tuesday, a Blackhawks player had punched in a goal and another had punched in an opponent's face. By the end there was a puck that made a see-it-to-believe-it carom off the glass, two more rounds of fisticuffs and a scoring monsoon to boot.

All of it infused the building with verve, and after surrendering way too much on their ice this season, the Hawks made a home repo. They white-knuckled their way to a 7-5 win over the Blues, creating their first three-game win streak since mid-October.

To think, the loss of Marian Hossa for two to three weeks to a lower-body injury was basically an afterthought. Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews each notched two goals and Tomas Kopecky posted a four-point night to lead six Hawks with multi-point games, helping fill the Hossa void ably.

Still, after the Hawks burst to a 5-1 lead, the Blues registered three straight scores to make

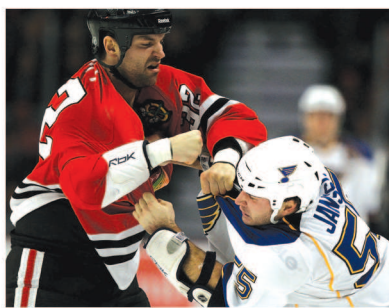
it a one-goal game six minutes into the third period. And the drama lingered until Kane and Toews scored two minutes apart late in the period to create the necessary breathing room.

Kopecky got the Hawks on the board with that early goal, and moments later John Scott tangled with the Blues' Cam Janssen, but the driving sequence was a three-goal barrage in the second period.

It started with impeccable strangeness: Rockford call-up Jeremy Morin dumped the puck in to

begin a power-play sequence, and it took a hard left off the glass, as if avoiding an oncoming train. With Blues goalie Ty Conklin wandering in search of the puck, the Hawks' Troy Brouwer punched the carom home for a 3-1 lead.

Then Toews and Kane scored within two minutes of each other in the middle of the period, upping the lead to 5-1. But by the time the Blues' Brad Boyes top-shelved a score off a rebound in the third period, making it 5-4, it clearly wasn't going to be easy.



John Scott (left) fights with the Blues' Cam Janssen. GETTY IMAGES

Patrick Kane celebrates after scoring in the third period of the Hawks' 7-5 win over St. Louis.

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Boozin' Bulls

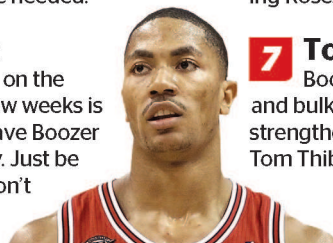
As if playing Orlando weren't enough, the prospect of Carlos Boozer taking the court has Bulls fans buzzing with anticipation. The \$75 million man might make his long-awaited debut after a broken hand sidelined him—until now. To get you ready, here are the Top Ten Things You Can Expect to See from the Bulls with Boozer Back.

10 Ease the burden

Derrick Rose (below) won't have to play like Teen Wolf while everyone else stands around and watches. Boozer's the legit second option we've needed.

9 Rust

Sitting on the shelf for a few weeks is bound to leave Boozer a little shaky. Just be patient, it won't take long.



8 Pick 'n' roll

As Jerry Sloan's disciple, mastering the pick-and-roll was a required part of the curriculum. Here's hoping Boozer's been tutoring Rose.

7 Tough D

Boozer's athleticism and bulky frame should only strengthen the stout defense Tom Thibodeau employs.

6 Winning streak

Thanks to an abundance of teams ranging from garbage to hot garbage, the Bulls should have no problem racking up W's at a torrid pace.

5 Benched

Thankfully, Taj Gibson doesn't look at his move to the bench as a bad thing. He's the hard-hat, lunch-pail guy every championship team needs.



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Hossa sidelined 2-3 weeks

Chicago Tribune

Well before the Blackhawks watched Marian Hossa grimace in pain after a collision in practice Monday, and well before they watched team medical staff help the winger off the ice, they surely knew this whole Stanley Cup championship defense thing was, like, really hard.

But they now are keenly aware that it is not particularly fair, either. Because just after the Hawks uncovered a legitimate groove during the circus trip slog, they were broadsided with the news Tuesday that Hossa likely will miss two to three weeks with a lower-body injury.

"Unfortunately, it's something we had to get used to not too long ago, and now it happened again," Hawks captain Jonathan Toews said, smiling a bit ruefully.

"Hopefully he can get back in sooner or later. I think we've been a better team with him than without him, but it is what it is. And sometimes freak things are going to happen whether it's in practice or the game. You just have to try to make up for that void."

It is more of the unfortunate same, as Hossa, the team's fourth-leading scorer, was out from Oct. 28-Nov. 7 with an upper-body injury. Hossa favored his right leg after the Monday's collision with defenseman Nick Boynton, but Hawks coach Joel Quenneville indicated the injury was "independent" of any Hossa has previously suffered.

Regardless, it is maddening for all parties. The Hawks were fairly well situated in the Western Conference playoff picture entering Tuesday's game with the Blues, with a cavalcade of December home games to aid in making up ground.

Now, a team playing better is without a versatile, talented forward.

4 Jo go crazy

It's time to let Joakim Noah (right) out of his cage so he can focus on wreaking havoc on the boards and on the block.

3 Rose takes off

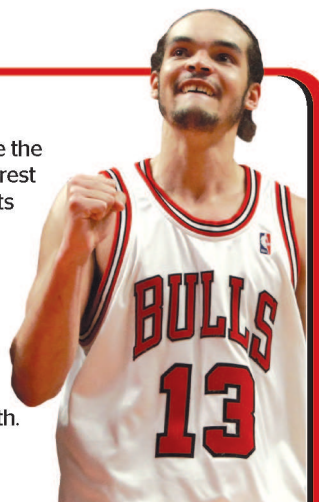
Already playing at what many consider an MVP level, Rose's game will reach new heights with an All-Star running mate.

2 Full potential

With Boozer, it's time the Bulls served notice to the rest of the NBA. The true beasts of the East reside in the Windy City.

1 Post game

Like Sasquatch or the Loch Ness Monster, a Bulls big man with a legit post game was only a myth.



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1 Make a sports prediction for December.	I'll see Tebow at the Broncos game this week-end. Talk about a warm-up.	I will mention FSU destroying Florida to Tracy at least 12 times. Look at that. 11 to go!	Nick Boynton will take out at least three more Hawks before the holidays are over.	Tom Brady will get a haircut for Christmas.	The Bulls will have an epic battle with the Lakers and come out victorious! (Insert evil laugh.)
2 How will the Bulls look with Carlos Boozer in the lineup?	Funnier. Guy's a trip.	They're going to start beating teams like they stole something. Watch.	Fragile.	To quote Frank the Tank from "Old School": We're going streaking!	Let the threepeat begin!
3 What is Carlos Zambrano's reaction to all the Boozer talk?	He showed Boozer how to rely on his other fingers, specifically the middle one.	He just broke the office Gatorade machine! WTF?	"All this fuss over a guy who's never even punched a teammate?"	Big Z would never lose to a gym bag ... or a water cooler ... or Derrek Lee.	"Tear. Why is there someone else in Chicago named Carlos?!"
4 How do the Bulls and Blackhawks settle United Center disputes?	Sack race. Dibs on Noah's sack.	The circus makes the decision. It usually just sends them to California.	I resent the implication that any of Chicago's teams HAVE disputes.	The loser cleans up what the Ringling Bros. circus animals leave behind.	A game of intense dodge ball—with basketballs.
5 What's your favorite hot stove baseball rumor?	The Cubs going after Carlos Pena. The team doesn't have enough Pain?	Didja hear Julie's getting traded to the Sox for a Bobby Thigpen jersey and a nine-piece from Harold's?	The Ricketts family asking the state of Illinois for \$200 million to sign Derek Jeter.	Soxman and Michael Jordan: The new Hanes underwear dynamic duo?	Jeter wants \$23 million a year. Do you think he goes in yelling, "Show me the money!" every day?

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Bears' grass is past

Many chunks of grass were ripped up from the Soldier Field playing surface Sunday during the Bears-Philadelphia game. And whatever was left was ripped up Monday.

On Tuesday, the Chicago Park District started the process of resodding the field, which usually takes a few days. The new grass should be ready for action shortly after it is laid, though the Bears won't play at Soldier Field again until Dec. 12. After that, they have only one other regular-season home game, though there is a possibility of the Bears hosting playoff games.

In the game Sunday, players had trouble with their footing at times. Bears receiver Johnny Knox got open on the Bears' second touchdown in part because Eagles cornerback Joselio Hanson lost his footing. Eagles quarterback Michael Vick told people during pregame warm-ups he was concerned about the soft field.

Other natural-grass fields in northern climates also are showing signs of wear, especially Heinz Field in Pittsburgh.

The grass in the end zones was not torn out. It is the Bears' choice to have a natural grass playing surface at Soldier Field, despite strong sentiment in the locker room for an infill surface.



Earl Bennett kicks up some grass while catching a touchdown pass Sunday. **JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE**



Carlos Boozer (center) practiced with the Bulls on Tuesday, though he may not play Wednesday. **CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE**

Will he or won't he?

Boozer practices but won't commit to playing Wednesday

With both Carlos Boozer and Taj Gibson practicing Tuesday, the Bulls were at full strength for the first time since Oct. 1.

Whether they will be Wednesday against the Magic remains to be seen.

"I may or may not play [Wednesday]," Boozer said. "I feel close. If not Wednesday, then I'm hoping this weekend for sure."

Speaking before Boozer, coach Tom Thibodeau offered an uncharacteristically strong prognosis for Boozer making his debut against the Magic. The Bulls travel to face the Celtics on Friday and play the Rockets at home Saturday.

"He looked good, said he didn't have any problems," Thibodeau said. "His conditioning is really good and he did a good job in practice. ... I can't foresee any problems at this point. As long as he's comfortable, we're ready to get started."

This is for certain: Whenever Boozer returns from the fractured fifth metacarpal on his right hand, his presence makes the Bulls a better team. Just think of the possibilities with Derrick Rose.

Along those lines, Boozer ensured his return will keep the Bulls a harmonious team too.

"It's definitely [Rose's] team," Boozer said. "He's proved that. He's earned that. He worked his butt off. You see how great of a season he's had already."

Indeed, Rose is playing at an MVP level, leading the NBA in combined points/rebounds/assists average at 39.

"He had a move in Sacramento where he came down the paint and crossed over Tyreke Evans and we were like, 'Did you just see that?'" Boozer said of the bench reaction. "He makes a lot of moves like that. He's something special."

As for Gibson, he said the plantar fasciitis he battled in both feet last season has been "up and down" and that his current issues still stem from a ligament "snapping over the [ankle] bone and aggravating it like a little stress reaction" as he warmed up for the Nov. 21 practice in L.A.



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Welcome, December. I hope your friends snow, ice and freezing-my-ears-off temperatures didn't come with you. Here now, my picks.

Bulls vs. Orlando

7 p.m. CSN

1 Bulls 87, Magic 81

There's no place like home for the Bulls. Wait, they remember where home is, right?

Loyola vs. Butler

7 p.m. WYIN, Lakeshore Public Television

2 Bulldogs 72, Ramblers 61

The Dogs aren't as good as last year, but the Ramblers will be outclassed.

Duke vs. Michigan St.

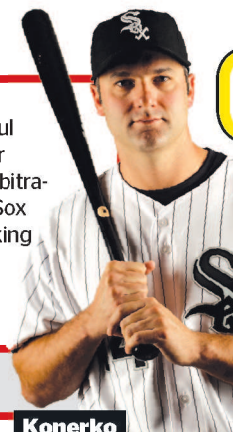
8:30 p.m. ESPN

3 Blue Devils 80, Spartans 74

Duke is No. 1 again this season. Yawn. When does this show end?

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» Drew Brees was honored as Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year for his championship on the field and his charity off it. Brees became the award's 57th recipient when the magazine made the announcement Tuesday on the "Today" show.

» Former Cubs infielder Ryan Theriot was acquired Tuesday by the St. Louis Cardinals from the Los Angeles Dodgers for pitcher Blake Hawksworth. Theriot, 30, hit .270 with 29 RBIs (.321 on-base percentage) last season while with the Cubs and Dodgers.

» It appeared as though Paul Konerko would join reliever J.J. Putz in turning down arbitration offers from the White Sox on Tuesday in favor of seeking multi-year deals, although that does not mean they won't be back next season.

FINAL SCORE

» Wolves 2, Manitoba 1 (SO) » Illinois 79, North Carolina 67 » Northwestern 91, Georgia Tech 71 » Western Carolina 66, Bradley 65

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31 chances to close out the year with a bang



By Jessica Galliard

And the countdown begins. The coming month marks your last chance to make 2010 a killer year of delectable food, kick-ass parties and out-of-this-world performances. Lucky for you, the holidays provide a ton of excuses to ditch work and catch up on end-of-year bucket lists. Get ready for pub crawls with Santa, kinky Christmas diversions and more holiday treats than your stomach can handle.

For lots more, head to metromix.com.



1 Don't miss **"Wicked"** this time around, in its return to Chicago for an eight-week run at Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.

2 Head to Jerry's (1938 W. Division St.) to sample 12 seasonal brews at a buzz-worthy **winter beer tasting**.



5 Score deep discounts from boutiques at the last half of the two-day **Do-Division Holiday** fair (Division Street between Kennedy Expressway and Leavitt Street), with free carriage and trolley rides to the Renegade Craft Fair Holiday Sale at Pulaski Park Fieldhouse, 1419 W. Blackhawk St.

6 The holidays can be frightening. Embrace the terror at **Deathscribe 2010**, the International Festival of Radio Horror Plays. Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave.



7 Start developing those **holiday cooking skills** with a free demonstration from chef Scott Walton on creating the best seasonal side dishes. Markethouse, 611 N. Fairbanks Court

8 Debonair Social Club (1575 N. Milwaukee Ave.) sexes up your Wednesday with its monthly transformation into a sleazy motel with **racy burlesque performances**.

9 Cabaret duo Scott Bradley and Jonny Stax pay musical tribute to the slimetastic **"Aliens"** films, paired with your favorite Queen songs. Circuit, 3641 N. Halsted St.



12 Peruse original works from 100 artists at the **Bucktown Holiday Art Show** (Saturday-Sunday) at the Holstein Park Fieldhouse, 2200 N. Oakley Ave.



13 Get a taste of **"Haute Chocolate,"** a holiday-themed burlesque and variety show served up by Brando's Speakeasy, 343 S. Dearborn St., featuring The Amazing Bendable Posable Dolls of Doom.

14 Cult filmmaker **John Waters** puts the "X" back in "X-mas" with a holiday-themed show at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive.



15 Take a cue from Ralphie's ma when you bundle up for a Holiday Movies in the Park screening of **"A Christmas Story"** at Pritzker Park, 344 S. State St.



16 Jam with Seattle pop-rockers **Minus the Bear** at The Vic, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave.



19 Chicago's own Jeremih joins forces with the best in hip-hop for **Big Jam 2010**, featuring Ludacris, Soulja Boy and more. Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road.



20 Drink up for a good cause at **CHIRP Night** at The Whistler (2421 N. Milwaukee Ave.), with performances from Ken Camden and Magical Beautiful. Proceeds go to the Chicago Independent Radio Project.

21 Can't hold out for holiday eats? Try a **Cuban-infused holiday menu** at Nacional 27 (325 W. Huron St.), with four courses and wine pairings.



22 The CTA's festive **Holiday Train** is best enjoyed by surprise, but if you weren't lucky enough to catch it yet, today's your last chance. Hint: Try the Yellow Line.

23 Do Christmas up the classic way with a double feature at Music Box Theatre (3733 N. Southport Ave.) of **"White Christmas"** and **"It's a Wonderful Life."** Let loose during intermission with some group caroling.

26 Burn off those yams and cranberry sauce at the icy confines of the **Rink at Wrigley**, 1100 W. Addison St.

27 Tour the town in the name of good spirits with the **Have Yourself a Very Whiskey Christmas** trolley whiskey sampling event. Departs from Cooking Fools, 1916 W. North Ave.

28 Commiserate with fellow Chicagoans as they tell true tales of winter in this month's themed **Moth StorySLAM** at Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave.



29 Prep your nails, and your liver, for your big New Year's Eve plans with a night of cocktails and primping at **Margaritas and Manicures** at M.G.O Fashion Salon, 1754 W. Division St.



30 Skip the scalpers for **Pretty Lights'** sold-out New Year's Eve concert and celebrate a day early with the first show at Congress Theater, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave.

SUNDAY

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THURSDAY



3 Exotic dancers decked only in scarves and gloves heat up "A Christmas Carol" in this holiday installment of the **Naked Girls Reading** series. Everleigh Social Club, 939 W. Randolph St.



4 Squeeze eight crazy nights into one all-day drinking extravaganza at the **Eight Bars of Chanukah Pub Crawl**, starting at Pippin's Tavern, 806 N. Rush St.



12 Bars of Christmas
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10 Unleash that hot red number from your closet, ladies. Head to Crescendo (222 W. Ontario St.) for the **Little Red Dress event** with cocktails, giveaways and a sexy Santa.

11 Wrigleyville transforms into an amusement park (literally) with this year's theme for the **TBOX: 12 Bars of Christmas pub crawl**. Various locations.

17 Show your gratitude to the shops of Andersonville as they cater to your night-owl shopping habits at **Later Night Andersonville**, including live music and toffee tastings. Foster Avenue and Clark Street.



18 Throw on a Hazmat suit and follow the trail of not-so-deadly powder during the **Great Chicago Scare Hash/Santa Hat Run**. Four Treys, 3333 N. Damen Ave.

24 Start your Christmas Day with a wicked hangover from the **Matzo Bash Christmas Eve Gala** at Enclave (220 W. Chicago Ave.), with free cocktails early in the evening.



25 Skip the manual labor in the kitchen and opt for a Christmas dinner at one of **Ann Sather's** four locations with a special holiday menu.

31 Pay homage to Chicago's past as you close out the year at the **Speakeasy New Year's Eve** party at LaSalle Power Company, 500 N. LaSalle St. Go to **metromix.com** for lots more NYE parties.



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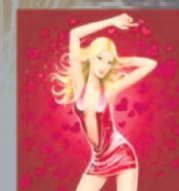
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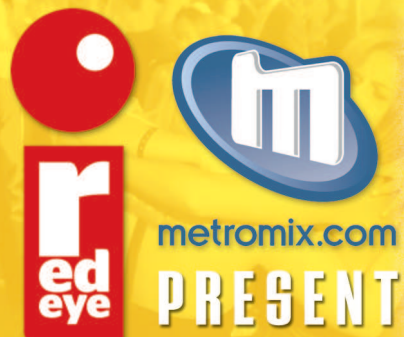
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RANDOM ACTS OF GREATNESS

5 THINGS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK



1 The standout **collard greens** (\$5) at Bucktown/Wicker Park barbecue joint Lillie's Q (1856 W. North Ave.). The greens are braised in pork stock with smoked ham hocks, onion, vinegar and hot sauce. Other new, hearty dishes include hush puppies with sweet potato dressing (\$5), house-made hot links (\$8-\$18) and a grilled pimento cheese sandwich (\$8). —TRAN HA

2 The much-better-than-it-looks action flick "**Faster**." It's an overdue reminder that Dwayne Johnson's a legitimate movie star when he's not playing with kids and hamming it up. —MATT PAIS

3 **Gnocchi ragu** (\$12) at the new Lincoln Square Italian spot Due Lire (4520 N. Lincoln Ave.). The pillow-soft, bite-size dumplings are made fresh daily and topped with a hearty bolognese. —DANA KAVAN

4 The **Sergio's Special** sandwich (\$8.59) with Madrange ham, avocado, gruyere and mango chutney (I hold the jalapenos) at Hannah's Bretzel. The new location at 131 S. Dearborn St. celebrates its opening by doling out free sandwiches for 100 customers at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Race you there! —LISA ARNETT



5 The vibe at **Tuman's** (2159 W. Chicago Ave.) in West Town. If you're not a regular at this popular former dive with an engaging tap selection, it's easy to feel like one. Just show up, take a seat under the old Tuman's Alcohol Abuse Center sign and throw a few back. —LISA BALDE

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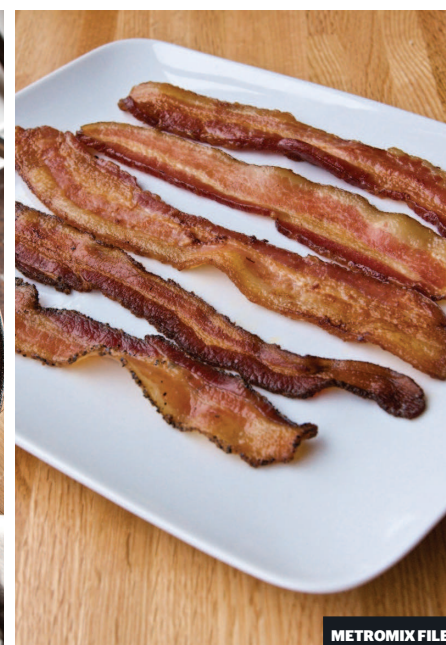
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VS



BACON

I'll be honest, sausage patties terrify me. They look like mini-meat Frisbees and have no place chilling next to my scrambled eggs.

And when I see sausage links, I just want them to take some steroids and hop into a bun with some wacky condiments a la Hot Doug's. But there is never, ever anything wrong with sweet, beautiful, delicious, crispy bacon, which plays well with others and is a rock star all on its own. Bacon, you are my breakfast hero. —DANA MORAN



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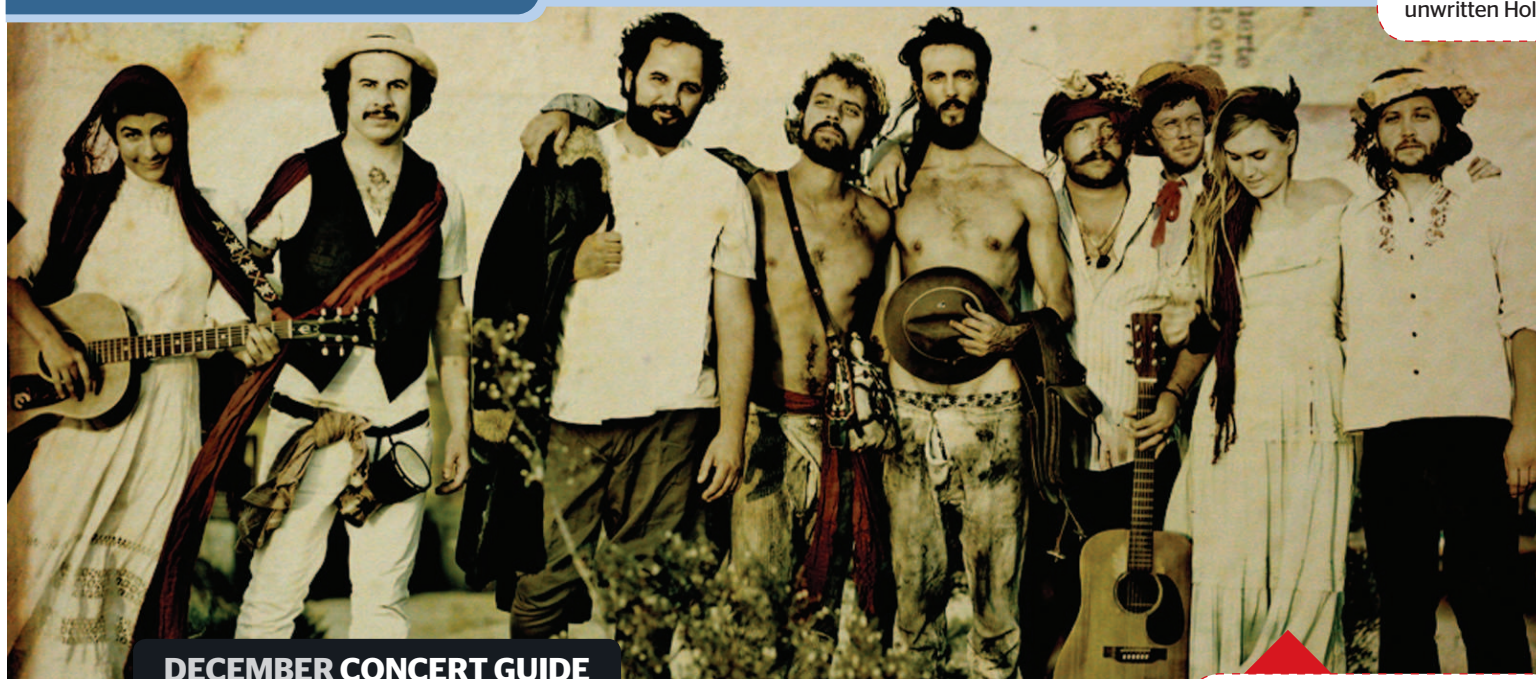
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DECEMBER CONCERT GUIDE

Shiver 'n' shake

25 great shows to close out the year

By Andy Downing

As 2010 draws to a close, it's time to start finalizing plans for New Year's Eve. That means concerts by the likes of bluesy Akron, Ohio, duo The Black Keys and experimental Brooklyn rockers Yeasayer, but hold on: No need to wait for a dropping ball to see a great show. Throughout December, there's no shortage of opportunities to finish the year in style. Get full event info and a list of NYE concerts at metromix.com.



Superchunk

Dec. 2 at Metro

After a nine-year absence, the Chapel Hill, N.C., indie-rock quartet returns with the inspired "Majesty Shredding," an album whose title perfectly describes the guitar-work contained within.

Usher

Dec. 3 at Allstate Arena

The R&B singer continues his path to adulthood on his latest, "Versus," an album that touches on everything from divorce to fatherhood.

RJD2

Dec. 3 at Metro

The turntable maestro/multi-instrumentalist, whose debut album, 2002's "Deadringer," remains a near-classic, recaptures some of that early spark on his latest crate-hopper, "Inversions of the Colossus."

1900s

Dec. 3 at Empty Bottle

The Chicago quintet plays in support of "Return of the Century," a gorgeous album that stands among the best local releases of the year.

Dean & Britta

Dec. 3-4 at Lincoln Hall

Married couple Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips, formerly of Luna, maintains that group's casual, dream-pop vibe with their current project.



The Roots

Dec. 4 at House of Blues

Long billed "the best live band in hip-hop," The Roots have further honed their chops with a stint as the house band on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon."

Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeroes

Dec. 4 at Congress Theater

The ecstatic collective, who come across like a particularly tuneful cult, highlight the third iteration of the Chicago Bluegrass and Blues Festival, taking place over three days.

Roger McGuinn

Dec. 4 at Old Town School of Folk Music

The legendary Byrds singer/guitarist, who was born and raised in Chicago and once enrolled as a student at the Old Town School, returns to his roots for this intimate local gig.

Delta Spirit

Dec. 4 at Metro

Gritty rock and soul that sounds like it should have originated in Memphis instead of Long Beach, Calif.

Broken Bells

Dec. 5 at the Vic

"Don't run, don't rush, just flow," Broken Bells singer James Mercer sings on "October." It's a great mission statement for Mercer's collaboration with Danger Mouse, which favors dreamier tempos than The Shins' comparatively poppy output.

Peter Hook Presents Unknown Pleasures

Dec. 6 at Double Door

Bassist Hook, co-founder of both Joy Division and New Order, returns to the stage to perform Joy Division's classic album, "Unknown Pleasures," three decades removed from singer Ian Curtis' suicide.

Michael Buble

Dec. 4 at Allstate Arena

The suave Canadian crooner records pretty pop tunes that sound like the soundtrack to some unwritten Hollywood romantic comedy.



Buke & Gass

Dec. 6 at Empty Bottle

Brooklyn duo Buke & Gass create their gritty, handmade sound utilizing invented instruments they've dubbed "buke" (a modified baritone ukulele) and "gass" (a guitar/bass hybrid).

Justin Bieber

Dec. 11 at Allstate Arena

Like a Shaun Cassidy for the Internet age, everything about Bieber, from his discovery to his album title ("My World 2.0") to his music has been fueled by the digital era.

The Sword

Dec. 12 at Metro

Rescheduled from a canceled October date, the Austin-based, prog-metal stoners appear here in support of "Warp Riders," a mix of 1970s space rock riffage and druggy, sci-fi paranoia.

The Black Keys Dec. 30-Jan. 1 at Aragon Ballroom

The artwork for "Brothers," featuring a direct slogan ("This is an album by the Black Keys. The name of this album is Brothers."), provides the perfect accompaniment to the no-nonsense, psychedelic blues that dominate the duo's latest.



Tricky

Dec. 13 at Lincoln Hall

Though he's touring behind a new album, the hope here is that the raspy English rapper/musician focuses on the nightmarish 1-2 punch of early albums "Maxinquaye" and "Pre-Millennium Tension."

My Chemical Romance

Dec. 15 at House of Blues

The Jersey crew's evolution from a one-note screamo act to one of the North America's most ambitious groups continues with its new concept album, "Danger Days: The True Lives of the Fabulous Killjoys."



Andrew Bird

Dec. 15-17 at Fourth Presbyterian Church

This intimate setting should bring out the best in the Chicagoan's fragile, highly-literate and oft-gorgeous tunes.

John Legend

Dec. 17 at The Venue at Horseshoe Casino

The smooth soul man attempted to get in touch with his grittier, more political side on the recent "Wake Up," a batch of spirited covers recorded alongside The Roots.

Waka Flocka Flame

Dec. 19 at Allstate Arena

On his 2009 debut mixtape, the Queens-born MC claimed he never wanted to rap. So it's somewhat fitting that he barely does, barking his way through garish bangers like "Hard In Da Paint."

The Hush Sound

Dec. 26 at Metro

Greta Morgan, currently of local quintet Gold Motel, makes a brief return to her pop-rock roots for this one-off show, which likely will close the book on the long-on-hiatus crew.

Umphey's McGee

Dec. 29-31 at Riviera Theatre

Even with Phish returning to its role as "the new Phish," this Chicago sextet remains a major draw within the jam and improvisational music scenes.

Pretty Lights

Dec. 30-31 at Congress Theater

Derek Vincent Smith's DJ sets feature a heavy-weight opener each night (Major Lazer on Dec. 30 and Holy F*** on Dec. 31) and an array of lasers and flashing lights that live up to the electronic musician's stage name.

Yeasayer

Dec. 31 at Metro

In just over three years, this experimental Brooklyn quintet has progressed from an unsteady live act to a swirling, rhythmic beast.

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Pimps of Joytime, Bumpus, Saturday, Feb. 19 (\$12, 21+) at Martyrs'.

ON SALE 10 A.M. FRIDAY

Gaelic Storm, Friday, March 11, Saturday, March 12 (\$33-\$38, 17+) at House of Blues.

Morcheeba, Tuesday, Feb. 22 (\$28-\$31, 17+) at House of Blues.

Pink Floyd Lazer Spectacular, Friday, Feb. 11 (\$26.50-\$38, 17+) at House of Blues.

The Temptations, Saturday, Feb. 5 (\$35-\$55, all ages) at Genesee Theatre, Waukegan.

ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

Canasta, Rego, Sewing Pattern,

Saturday, Feb. 26 (\$13-\$15, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Cold War Kids, Friday, March 11 (\$24, all ages) at Riviera Theatre.

Rodney Crowell, Sunday, March 6 (\$24-\$28, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Gaberdine, Saturday, Jan. 22 (\$10, 18+) at Schubas.

The Jayhawks,

Thursday, Jan. 27, Friday, Jan. 28 (\$30, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

John Scofield Trio, John Goldman's Quadrangle, Saturday, Feb. 5 (\$24-\$28, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Booker T. Jones, Saturday, June 11 (\$34-\$38, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Kid Rock, Jamey Johnson, Saturday,

My Chemical Romance

ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

Friday, April 15 (\$35, all ages) at Aragon.

Feb. 26 (\$29.50-\$89.50, all ages) at United Center.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Saturday, Feb. 19 (\$41-\$45, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Bettye LaVette, Saturday, May 7 (\$34-\$38, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Randy Newman, Saturday, Feb. 26 (\$58, 18+) at Park West.

Loudon Wainwright III, Kim Richey, Friday, April 15 (\$24-\$28, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

Biffy Clyro, Moving Mountains, Saturday,

Feb. 19 (\$12-\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

Excision, Downlink, Antiserum, Thursday, Feb. 3 (\$18-\$21, 18+) at Metro.

Sebastien Leger, Nate Manic, Jordan Bradley, Saturday, Feb. 26 (\$7-\$15, 21+) at Smart Bar.

The Lifeline, Lucid Ground, Kirkland, Curbside, Saturday, Jan. 29 (\$11, all ages) at Metro.

Liquid Soul, Saturday,

Jan. 1 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

No One, Earthen Grave, Slaughter Xstroyes, Friday, Jan. 21 (\$6-\$9, 18+) at Metro.

Rod Tuffcurls and the Bench Press, Friday, Jan. 28 (\$12-\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

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Yeasayer, Health, Thursday, Dec. 30 (\$21-\$24, 18+) at Metro.

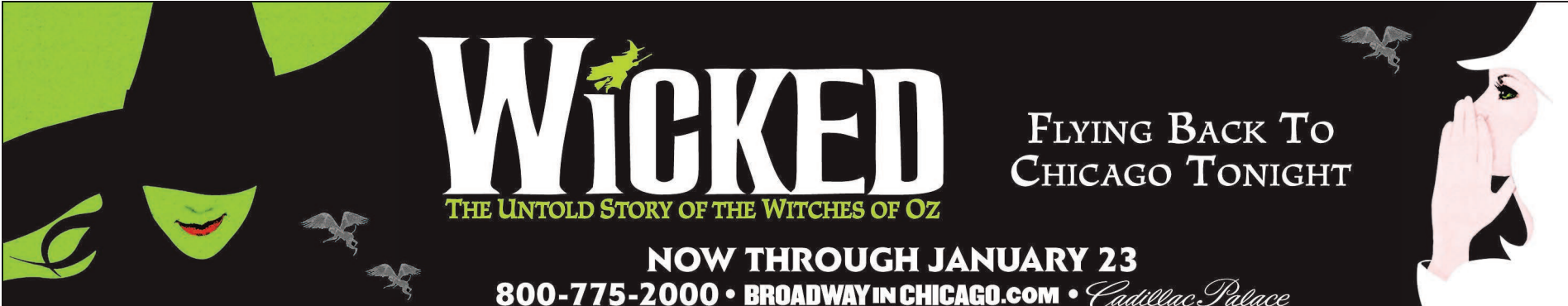
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Actress goes from playing Clooney's sister to taking on 'Virginia Woolf'

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Steppenwolf's Amy Morton is no stranger to drama, having directed or acted in 35 productions with the company, including a Tony Award-nominated turn as eldest daughter Barbara in fellow ensemble member Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize-winning "August: Osage County." Among other film roles, she also has portrayed George Clooney's sister in "Up in the Air." Now, she and Letts star in Edward Albee's classic "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" as a wildly dysfunctional pair whose tempestuous marriage explodes during late-night cocktails with another couple. We called Morton and were delighted to discover that, despite onstage-onscreen drama, her real-life sense of humor remains intact.

You co-starred in Letts' "August," then directed him in "American Buffalo" and now co-star with him in "Woolf." What makes you such a good theater team?

We're both very up for anything onstage. I always know I'm in safe hands when I'm up there with him and that I can throw anything at him and he's ready to play ball. I think that this is the sixth or seventh time we're playing husband and wife.

Which of your 35 Steppenwolf shows have you learned the most from?

I learned a lot during "August," mainly because I'd never done a run that long; being on and off for three years, that was a big old learning curve. And every time I direct, I learn a lot. You're kind of in charge of the whole shebang. I also think this one ["Woolf"] is teaching me a hell of a lot.

Like what?

How [expletive] hard it is. [Laughs.] It's an intense play that is—on the surface—realism, but it's sort of really not, so that creates its own challenges. It's getting in touch with that kind of disappointment and anger. My husband [composer and theater sound designer Rob Milburn] has said, "Don't you bring that s*** home!" [Laughs]



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Do you ever wish that they'd just give you a comedy for a change?

Absolutely—a Noel Coward where I look pretty and I say something pithy and walk offstage. I'm all for that.

How were you cast for "Up in the Air?"

[Writer-director] Jason Reitman saw ["August"] on Broadway. Months later, I got a call from my agent [for a meeting]. Directors don't usually call to have meetings—that's usually reserved for stars. So I thought, "Well, this'll be fascinating." He said, "I was having a problem writing this character for this movie. I just

couldn't seem to quite get her and when I saw [your performance], I figured out how to do it. Would you be interested?" And I was like, "Are you kidding?" And he said, "Well, the role is George Clooney's sister." And I said, "Well, OK; if I must." [Laughs.]

What was it like on set?

We'd do a take and Jason would say, "That was really great. I need about 25 percent of that." I said, "Oh, my God, I'm playing to the back of the house, aren't I?" And he said, "Yeah, your eyes are kind of bugging out of your head."

What is it about the Chicago theater scene that keeps you here?

I've never seen better theater than I've seen in Chicago. It's very rare that you would get rich or famous here, so the work might as well be brilliant.

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'Twin Peaks' back? Psych!



'Twin Peaks' alums Dana Ashbrook (left) and Sheryl Lee star in the 'Peaks'-inspired episode of 'Psych.'

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When the "Psych" opening credits sequence plays to kick off Wednesday's "Dual Spires" episodes, fans may not recognize it right away. That's because series composer Adam Cohen re-worked the "Psych" song to mirror the "Twin Peaks" theme sung by Julee Cruise.

"It's my favorite of the different renditions we've done of our theme songs," series star and producer James Roday said. "It's pretty inspired. ... Julee came in and just nailed the vocals. And yes, we're all pretty stoked about the theme song." c.w.

Sheryl Lee said it best: "It's hard to believe that 20 years have gone by" since "Twin Peaks" revealed who killed Lee's character, Laura Palmer, in David Lynch's weird, wonderful TV classic.

The short-lived series has earned a cult following, but its use of a twisted mythology inspired many a heavily serialized shows (think "Lost," "Deadwood" and "The X-Files") since it went off the air in after 30 episodes.

Lee returns to that bizarre world Wednesday when USA's "Psych" pays hilarious homage to "Twin Peaks." In "Dual Spires," fake psychic and real detective Shawn (James Roday) and his cohort Gus (Dule Hill) investigate a murder in a strange town called Dual Spires.

Filled with more "Twin Peaks" in-jokes than I'm sure I caught—although I did laugh at many—the clever episode was written by series star and producer Roday with co-executive producer Bill Callahan. Roday, a self-described "Peaks" nut, said it was four years in the making; he first pitched the idea in Season 1.

"I think there are 'Twin Peaks' fan boys out there who actually go to sleep and dream about what I got to do. It was remarkable," he said during a recent conference call. "It was the closest I'll ever come to being in an episode of my favorite show, so it was ridiculous."

Roday said he fell in love with Lynch's work after seeing "Blue Velvet" as a 13-year-old—late at night when his parents were out. So naturally when "Peaks" debuted in 1990, he was watching and immediately was smitten with the ABC series and its dancing dwarf, Myna bird and pie-loving townsfolk, all of which Roday references in "Dual Spires."

In the episode, Shawn and Gus travel to Dual Spires as part of their desire to hit every cinnamon festival they can. Once there, they run into oddball townsfolk, including a blind photographer, a creepy Cinnamon King and, yes "Peaks" fans, even a Woman with Wood (played by the original Log Lady, Catherine Coulson).

Shawn and Gus also meet the owner of a diner (Dana Ashbrook, who played Bobby Briggs on "Peaks") and his wife (Robyn Lively, who played Lana). In a nod to the pie-loving FBI Agent Dale Cooper in "Peaks," Shawn and Gus down slice after slice at the diner.

Sherilyn Fenn, who tied cherry stems with her tongue as Audrey Horne on "Peaks," plays cherry-loving librarian Maudette Hornsby. Lenny Von Dohlen (who played Harold Smith) stars as Sheriff Andrew Jackson, whose name recalls "Peaks" Sheriff Harry Truman. Ray Wise reprises his "Psych" guest star role of Father Westley while still spoofing his "Peaks" character, Leland Palmer.

But Lee, who first appeared in "Peaks" wrapped in plastic as murder victim Laura Palmer, offers the most obvious reference to the iconic series. She plays Dr. Donna Gooden, who unwraps the body of teen Paula Merral (an anagram of "Laura Palmer"). Filming the scene felt like an "out of body" experience, Lee said.

"It was a very strange, surreal feeling," she said in the same conference call. "There are a lot of things in the past 20 years I don't remember, but that day 20 years ago, laying on that beach in the freezing cold, I remember as if it was yesterday."

"It touched me deeper than I expected it to. It sort of snuck up on me."

During the call, Roday told Lee she nailed the scene, adding that it was his favorite of the episode. "The juxtaposition of Laura Palmer looking at Laura Palmer, it was kind of mind-blowing."

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- **Tangled** (PG) ♦ 10:45, 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 10:30, 1:20, 2:00, 4:40, 5:10, 8:05, 8:30
- **AMC Independent** **127 Hours** (R) 11:50, 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40
- **AMC Independent** **127 Hours** (R) 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:10, 8:40, 10:55
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) ♦ 12:00, 3:10, 6:45, 10:00
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) ♦ 11:10, 12:50, 2:40, 4:10, 6:00, 7:30, 9:15, 10:40
- **The Next Three Days** (PG-13) 10:40, 6:55, 10:10
- **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 10:50, 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55
- **AMC Independent** **Fair Game** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:35, 5:25, 8:25
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:25, 6:15, 9:00
- **Skyline** (PG-13) 4:25 P.M.
- **Due Date** (R) 11:35, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05
- **Megamind 3D** (PG) ♦ 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:05, 9:25
- **For Colored Girls** (R) 1:10 P.M.
- **Saw: The Final Chapter** (R) 10:30 P.M.
- **The Social Network** (PG-13) 11:05, 1:55, 4:50, 7:35
- **Red** (PG-13) 12:55, 3:30, 10:55

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- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) 1:10, 2:25, 4:15, 5:30, 7:10, 8:30, 10:10
- **Faster** (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) 2:00, 4:55, 7:50, 10:45
- **Tangled** (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:55
- **AMC Independent** **127 Hours** (R) 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:50
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 12:05, 1:40, 2:30, 3:20, 5:00, 5:50, 6:40, 8:20, 9:10, 10:05
- **The Next Three Days** (PG-13) 12:35, 3:40, 6:45, 9:50
- **AMC Independent** **Fair Game** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:35, 6:30, 9:20
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1: IMAX** (PG-13) 12:50, 4:10, 7:30, 10:50
- **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
- **Skyline** (PG-13) 4:30, 9:55
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25
- **Due Date** (R) 12:05, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
- **Megamind 3D** (PG) 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
- **Red** (PG-13) 1:35, 7:05

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** (PG) Advance Tickets Available
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 12:00, 3:20, 7:00, 10:10
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) 1:20, 3:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:20
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) 12:30, 1:45, 4:30, 6:10, 7:10, 10:10
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
- **The Next Three Days** (PG-13) 12:40
- **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 12:20, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- **Megamind** (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10
- **Due Date** (R) 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30
- **The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore** (NR) 6:30

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
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- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55
- **Faster** (R) 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
- **Tangled** (PG) 1:15, 3:40, 6:15, 8:45
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 1:00, 1:50, 4:10, 5:10, 7:30, 8:30, 10:50
- **The Next Three Days** (PG-13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35
- **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 1:45, 3:05, 4:15, 5:35, 8:00, 9:30, 10:25
- **Skyline** (PG-13) 3:20, 5:45, 8:20, 10:30
- **Megamind** (PG) 1:30, 3:50, 6:30, 9:00
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 6:50 P.M.
- **Due Date** (R) 1:40, 4:05, 6:40, 9:10
- **For Colored Girls** (R) 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

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- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 8:45
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
- **Faster** (R) 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35
- **Tangled** (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 12:00, 1:05, 2:10, 3:05, 4:10, 5:30, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:30, 10:20
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- **Due Date** (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20
- **For Colored Girls** (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

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- **The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore** (NR) ♦ 6:30 P.M.
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) ♦ 1:20, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 6:40, 9:15
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) ♦ 9:30 P.M.
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) ♦ 2:10, 4:40, 7:10
- **Faster** (R) ♦ 10:00 P.M.
- **Faster** (R) ♦ 12:50, 3:50, 6:20, 8:45
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) ♦ 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
- **127 Hours** (R) ♦ 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) ♦ 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30
- **The Next Three Days** (PG-13) ♦ 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
- **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:40
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20
- **Megamind 3D** (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:50
- **Due Date** (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:10, 8:30
- **Fair Game** (PG-13) 2:50 P.M.
- **For Colored Girls** (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:25
- **The Social Network** (PG-13) 8:15, 11:00

VIP Premium 21+

- **Burlesque** (PG-13) ♦ **VIP Premium 21+** 9:30 P.M.
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) ♦ **VIP Premium 21+** 12:00, 2:30, 3:30, 6:00, 7:00, 10:30

OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) ♦ 12:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) ♦ 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55
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- **Burlesque** (PG-13) ♦ 11:50, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) ♦ 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- **Megamind 3D** (PG) 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 6:50, 9:05

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123 ♣

- **The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore** (NR) ♦ 6:30 P.M.
- **127 Hours** (R) 1:00, 3:30, 6:05, 8:30
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) ♦ 12:15, 3:05, 5:55, 8:45
- **Due Date** (R) 11:55 A.M.
- **Fair Game** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:25, 5:05, 8:00, 10:40
- **Faster** (R) ♦ 11:50, 2:35, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40
- **For Colored Girls** (R) 11:25, 5:15
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) ♦ 11:45, 1:20, 3:00, 4:35, 6:15, 7:50, 9:30
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) ♦ 11:00, 2:10, 5:25, 8:40
- **Inside Job** (PG-13) 2:40, 8:15
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) ♦ 1:10, 1:50, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
- **Megamind 3D** (PG) 11:30, 2:40, 4:30, 6:55, 9:20
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 11:20, 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45
- **Red** (PG-13) 2:20 P.M.
- **Tangled** (PG) ♦ 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:50
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) ♦ 11:40, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50
- **The Next Three Days** (PG-13) ♦ 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
- **The Social Network** (PG-13) 11:15, 2:15, 5:05, 7:45, 10:45
- **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25



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- 1 Actor Alan _
- 5 Light sword
- 10 Uses a shovel
- 14 Aaron _; early VP
- 15 Crown
- 16 Concept
- 17 Difficult child
- 18 Trimmed a lawn's border
- 19 Male children
- 20 Pension receiver
- 22 Takes small bites
- 24 El _; Spanish soldier & hero
- 25 Money, slangily
- 26 Biblical hymn
- 29 Lie _; stay in hiding
- 30 _ laws; do a legislator's job
- 34 Not taped
- 35 _ and tonic
- 36 Golfer's aide
- 37 Hubbub
- 38 _ on; abandon
- 40 Peculiar
- 41 Horse noises
- 43 Female sheep
- 44 Not up yet
- 45 Actor _ Albert
- 46 Supportive vote
- 47 _ board; nail filer
- 48 Takes a nap
- 50 Woman's undergarment
- 51 Street vendor
- 54 Beet soup
- 58 Unit of land
- 59 Friendlier
- 61 Bitter
- 62 Sonny and _
- 63 Debonair
- 64 Therefore
- 65 Hauls; drags
- 66 TV show awards
- 67 Action; feat

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- 2 Entice
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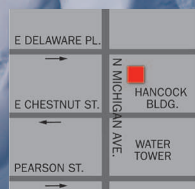
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- 6 Helper
- 7 Sack
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- 9 Standard car feature
- 10 Break up, as a group
- 11 False deity
- 12 Trait transmitter
- 13 Impudent talk
- 21 Border
- 23 Lamb's cry
- 25 Baboons
- 26 Lindbergh's vehicle
- 27 One-; unilateral
- 28 Stay away from
- 29 "Abner"
- 31 Material for clay bricks
- 32 Apple drink
- 33 Child's bear
- 35 Helium or oxygen
- 36 Actor's hint
- 38 " of Fortune"
- 39 Have debts
- 42 Bridge supports
- 44 Accumulated
- 46 Heart chamber
- 47 Blunder
- 49 Sight or smell
- 50 Drills a hole
- 51 Formal agreement
- 52 Reverberate
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- 56 Enormous
- 57 _ on; trampled
- 60 Machine wheel



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NO TWITTER? NO FACEBOOK? HOW WILL CELEBS SPEND THEIR TIME OFFLINE?

Horror of online horrors! Some of our favorite celebrity tweeters/Facebook users will be taking a break from social media. The effort, starting Wednesday, is in support of the Digital Life Sacrifice campaign, which hopes to raise awareness of AIDS, as well as funding for the Keep a Child Alive. They won't be back on the Web until \$1 million in donations comes in. How will publicity-hungry celebs pass the time? We have some ideas. **DANA MORAN | REDEYE**

JENNIFER HUDSON

J-Hud will be plotting ways to take charge of her son's future school musicals. So what if he's only 1! She'll probably spend the rest of her time shopping for new clothes after having shrunk to a size 6 from a 16 this year.

RYAN SEACREST

Seacrest will be brushing up on his hosting skills for the next season of "American Idol" and thinking up oh-so-subtle on-air zingers for former buddy and new rival Paula Abdul, whose "Live to Dance" shares "Idol's" time slot.

ALICIA KEYS

Keys will be singing to her son, Egypt, while changing his diapers, burping him and doing all the other non-glamorous, non-diva activities that come with being a new mom. Or maybe the help is taking care of that.

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE

JT will be formulating his Oscar campaign for "The Social Network," but we'd rather he work on putting out a new album. "FutureSex/LoveSounds" came out in 2006, for crying out loud!

LADY GAGA

She'll be knitting tea cozies, taking pictures of small dogs dressed as humans and whatever other secretly suburban activities Gaga does when nobody's watching. She might even slip and start calling herself Stefani again.

THE KARDASHIAN SISTERS

Without constant online feedback, Kim and Khloe are sure to lose all will to keep themselves properly primped, and will be reduced to lying around the mansion in velour sweatsuits watching "The Real Housewives" and eating Ho Hos. The backlash is going to be ugly.

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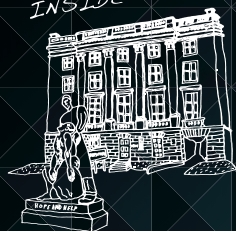
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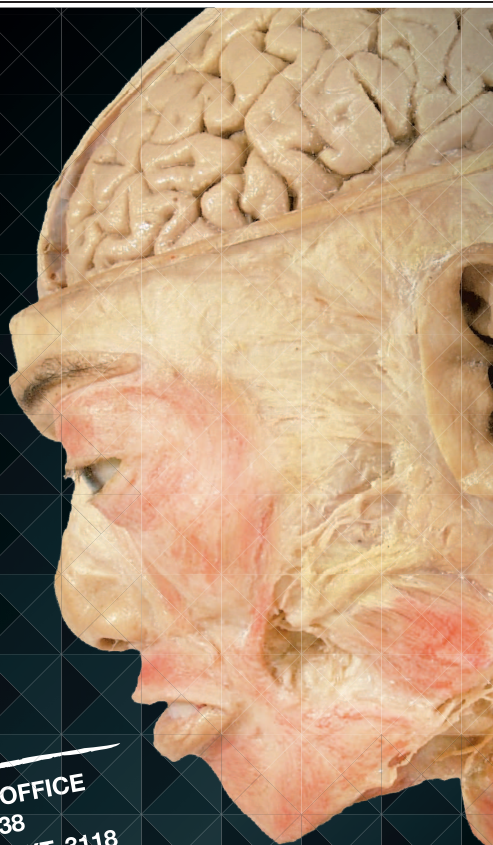
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here's Johnny

Angelina Jolie has a fan in Johnny Depp. In an interview for the January edition of *Vanity Fair*, Depp says it was a "pleasant surprise" working with Jolie on "The Tourist" (in theaters Dec. 10). "I was so pleased to find that she is incredibly normal, and has a wonderfully kind of dark, perverse sense of humor," he said. Depp also dished about his troubles with "Upper-echelon Disney-ites" over the first "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie. Depp describes the buzz about him: "Is he drunk? By the way, is he gay? And so I actually told this woman who was the Disney-ite ... 'But didn't you know that all my characters are gay?' Which really made her nervous."

Johnny Depp
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Johnny be who?

Which of these is not a character played by Johnny Depp? Text "**depp**" followed by the number preceding your choice below to **87708**. We'll send you a message telling you if you got the answer right.

1. Edward Scissorhands
2. John Dillinger
3. Hunter S. Thompson
4. Ebenezer Scrooge
5. Ichabod Crane



Snoop Dogg
GETTY IMAGES

"'Wet' is the perfect anthem for Prince William or any playa to get the club smokin'."

Snoop Dogg, in a statement about his upcoming single "Wet," which was released at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday on his website.

AOL's hottest terms

If you were online chasing down the particulars of pants-on-the-ground or jonesing for Justin Bieber, you are one of the many who made those terms some of AOL's Year End Hot Searches of 2010 list. Other topics of Interweb interest include: Lady Gaga, Tiger Woods, Kate Gosselin, Betty White, the Old Spice Guy and (gah!) jeggings.

We've got 'Spirit' (yes we do)

Oscar favorites "127 Hours," "Black Swan," "The Kids Are All Right" and "Winter's Bone" all received multiple nods Tuesday morning at the nominations for Film Independent's 2011 Spirit Awards, which will take place Feb. 26. One surprise of the day was Noah Baumbach's "Greenberg," which received a best picture nomination, a best actor nod for star Ben Stiller and best actress recognition for Greta Gerwig. The Film Independent committee evaluated 220 movies, all of which had a budget of less than \$20 million.

5 p.m.

Time on Tuesday when dozens of Ellen DeGeneres fans followed her Twitter directive and gathered at The Bean wearing their "most creative holiday sweater" to wait for a "big prize" from the TV host.



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